
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Bowlen at 10:05 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bowlen, Paul (Chair)	City of Cerritos
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Edney, Jon A. (Vice Chair)	City of El Centro/IVAG
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
Morehouse, Carl*	City of Ventura/VCOG
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Olhasso, Laura	Arroyo Verdugo Subregion
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG
Tyler, Sidney	SGVCOG

Members Not Present

Arguello, Daniel	SGVCOG
Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG
Daigle, Leslie	OCCOG
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG (Excused Absence)
Herzog, Peter	OCCOG
Hofmeyer, Daryl	City of Paramount
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG (Excused Absence)
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Nuñez, John	SGVCOG
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Poe, Marilyn	City of Los Alamitos
Ramirez, Rick	Gateway Cities

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Reyes, Ed	City of Los Angeles
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
Robertson, Deborah	City of Rialto
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities
White, Charles	WRCOG Subregion

**Indicates new member(s).*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Paul Bowlen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Chair asked Councilmember Paul Nowatka to lead the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Bowlen welcomed new member Councilmember Carl Morehouse, representing the City of Ventura and VCAG, to the Committee.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments made on items as they occurred on the agenda.

3.0 CALL TO ORDER OF THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair Edney called the RHNA Subcommittee meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. It was determined that there a was quorum of the RHNA Subcommittee to take action on item 3.1: Chair Jon Edney, Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Councilmember Gil Coerper, Councilmember Larry McCallon, and Councilmember Carl Morehouse.

3.1 Approval of Minutes of CEHD RHNA Subcommittee #4 Octoer 19, 2006

It was moved by Councilmember Jasper and seconded by Councilmember Nowatka to approve the Minutes of the CEHD RHNA Subcommittee #4 October 19, 2006 as submitted.

It was moved by Councilmember Jasper and seconded by Councilmember Nowatka to adjourn the meeting of the RHNA subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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The CEHD meeting was called back to order.

4.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Highlights of the Upcoming 2006 State of the Region

Mr. Ping Chang, SCAG Staff, presented highlights of the 2006 State of the Region Report which is scheduled for release through a press conference at 11:00 a.m. today at the SCAG offices. Mr. Chang commended the Benchmarks Task Force, which is chaired by Mayor Ronald Loveridge, for their efforts in guiding the creation of the State of the Region Report. Mr. Chang stated the study areas contained in the report include: Population, Economy, Housing, Transportation, Environment (which included Energy), Education and Safety. This year the Report also compared the performance of our region with other large metropolitan regions in the nation.

The overall highlights of the Report:

- Population experienced slower growth in 2005 partly due to increased domestic outmigration. Continued the demographic transformation processes.
- Achieved the lowest unemployment rate since 1988, however, income growth was at a much slower pace. Continued to experience high levels of poverty.
- Homeownership rates have increase by 2 percentage points since 2000. Experienced record high housing prices and record low housing affordability.
- Noticeable decrease in the share of drive-alone community reversing the recent trend of increase. Peak period congestion appeared to stabilize particularly in Los Angeles/Orange counties.
- Some improvements in air quality particularly in PM10 and PM2.5. Mixed performance in Ozone.

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- Continued reliance on fossil fuels largely through imports. Growing significance of the energy demand and use implications for the future of Southern California and the entire globe.
- Some improvements in educational attainment but remained last among major metros.
- Continuing decline in violent crime rates. However there were slight increases in juvenile and hate crimes contrary to recent trends.

The report card for the region in 2005 is: Employment, B; Income, C; Housing, D; Mobility, F; Air Quality, C; Education, D; and Safety, B. Mr. Chang stated that the primary reason that the grade did not change is because in each category there are offsetting changes which are very significant in particular in the areas of employment, housing, and energy. In closing, Mr. Chang stated that in 2005 growth has slowed in population and economics. Also the region has mixed performance in most of the issue areas but in comparison with other metropolitan regions, the SCAG region did not lose any additional ground.

At the end of his report the Chair commended the staff for the job they did on the report. The Chair then asked for questions. Councilmember Tyler asked what would be necessary to improve the grade for the region? Mayor Loveridge responded that the region needed to assess how to raise the grades for the region and what it take. The Committee concurred and asked Mr. Chang to prepare such an analysis for their review.

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Approval Item

- 5.1.1 Minutes of November 2, 2006 Meeting
- 5.1.2 2007 State and Federal Legislative Program

5.2 Receive and File

- 5.2.1 Transmittal of Record of Public Testimony Regarding RHNA Methodology and the Integrated Growth Forecast Gathered at 15 Subregional Workshops in October/November 2006
- 5.2.2 Minutes of October 19, 2006 RHNA Subcommittee Meeting #4

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It was moved by Councilmember Jasper and seconded by Councilmember Nowatka to accept the consent calendar as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 RHNA Pilot Program Legislative Language

When asked for a staff report from Jeff Dunn, Joann Africa, SCAG Deputy Legal Counsel, stated he was at a conference and the report, would be given by Paul Bower of Hatch and Perrin Associates. Ms. Africa went on to say this item was requested by the CEHD for comparison of RHNA Pilot Program legislative language highlighting changes between the versions presented at the July 2006 and November 2006 meetings.

Mr. Paul Bower, Hatch and Perrin Associates, reported that SB 12 was introduced in the legislature by Sponsor Senator Lowenthal on December 4th and will be eligible to be taken up in the Senate on January 4th when the Legislature returns. The bill is an urgency bill which requires a 2/3s vote by the Legislature and takes effect after receiving the signature of the Governor. The bill could take affect by the June 30th deadline.

Councilmember McCallon raised the issue of regional vs. county median use in RHNA. Mr. Ikhrata, after explaining why it is too late in this RHNA cycle to change medians, committed to work on this issue in the next budget for RHNA 5th cycle.

After discussion among the Committee action was taken.

Action: It was moved by Councilmember Coerper and seconded by Councilmemer Syd Tyler to approve staff recommendation to review the approved RHNA Pilot Program and introduction of Senate Bill 12, directed staff to continue efforts to move the bill through legislative process. Motion passed unanimously.

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6.2 Draft Appeals Procedures re: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

Joann Africa, SCAG Deputy Legal Counsel, presented the draft procedures for handling appeals for purposes of preparing the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

At the end of Ms. Africa's report the Chair called for discussion. During the Committee discussion there were two public comments presented:

Mr. Rick Bishop, CEO, WRCOG – had no concerns about the overall appeal process except for the post appeal reallocation. What happens to those jurisdictions that did not have a problem with their RHNA numbers, what happens to their ability to appeal the allocation?

Ms. Harris answered that had been taken into consideration. That this is one of the key points made in the current RHNA law. That changes that were made with the Lowenthal amendments 2 ½ years ago and that there not be an appeal from a reallocation because it is statistically insignificant in terms of the 7% of the total.

Ms. Tracy Sato, City of Anaheim – Ms. Sato asked if there would be an opportunity for member agencies or technical staff to provide comments to SCAG staff on this appeal process prior to the Regional Council meeting? Staff clarified the item was under consideration and all comments were welcome.

Action: It was moved by Councilmember Coerper and seconded by Councilmember Olhasso to approve the Draft RHNA Appeals procedures for transmittal and approval to Regional Council in January 2007, with the following changes: (a) Formal appeals filing period to start two weeks after Draft Housing Allocation Plan is approved; and (b) trade and transfer shouldn't be limited to cities who appeal.

6.3 Land Use and Housing Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan – Initial Performance and Strategy

Councilmember Nowatka, as a member of the RCP Task Force representing CEHD, asked that the Committee approve the staff recommendation to move the Land Use and Housing Chapter forward since it would be back to the Committee before release to the public. The Committee concurred.

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Action: It was moved by Councilmember Nowatka and seconded by Councilmember McCallon to approve the staff recommendation to release the Land Use and Housing Chapter for review and input, and direct staff to perform technical refinements. The Committee approved unanimously.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Report on 15 Subregional Workshops on Integrated Growth Forecast and RHNA

The report was given by Glen Bolen, of Fregonese Calthorpe Associates who began his report by stating that SCAG and the City of Compton had received an award for their work on public participation for the work done on the demonstration project done for the Compass Blueprint program.

Mr. Bolen report workshops were structured in two parts: the first centered on gathering input on the forecast as related to the RTP, while the second focused on the RHNA and specifically the 2158 Planning Factors as they pertain to individual jurisdictions. Participants also offered feedback and revisions to the Compass 2% Opportunity Areas identified during the 2004 RTP development workshop period.

Mr. Bolen went on to discuss the participation at each subregional workshop and discussed the feedback received from those who participated. Mr. Bolen stated there were 400 participants representing 157 cities and 6 counties with the Southern California region, as well as participation from the Aqua Caliente tribe.

Mr. Bolen concluded by saying FCA staff and SCAG staff are currently reviewing all information and comments gathered and will be adjusting the 2014 and 2035 growth forecast accordingly. The Chair thanked Mr. Bolen.

The Chair suggested the Committee approved delaying 7.2 and 7.3 until the January 4, 2007 agenda. The Committee concurred.

7.2 Infrastructure Bonds: Implementation and Impacts

7.3 2007 Regional Champion Awards

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8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bowlen expressed his concerns with running out of time to complete the scheduled agenda. He moved that Committee members support the idea of looking into changing the meeting system. He suggested perhaps the policy committees could meet one month and the next month the Regional Council would meet, thereby making sure there would be enough time to complete agendas and have sufficient time to forward the necessary actions/information to the Regional Council. Councilmember Lantz seconded the motion. The Committee concurred with the Chair's suggestion.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

Lynn Harris, Manager, Community Development, presented the letter SCAG has received from the State Department of Housing and Community Development. She stated the HCD has given the SCAG region a range of total housing need from 687,000 to 733,000 housing units for the entire region. Ms. Harris stated the letter is posted on the SCAG website. Ms. Harris stated this range is within the range SCAG staff had proposed to HCD in August 2006.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held January 4, 2007, at the SCAG office.

Minutes Approved by:


Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development